

Federal Symposium on Coastal Habitat Restoration

July 28-29, 2004

Washington Plaza Hotel
10 Thomas Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Agenda

Wednesday, July 28th

- 8:00 – 8:30am** **Registration**
- 8:30 – 9:00am** **Opening Remarks & Introductions**
- Context: Estuary Restoration Act
 - Purpose and goals of Symposium
- 9:00 – 12:30** **Coastal Habitat Restoration Goals, Objectives & Priorities**
- 9:00 - 10:00 National Goals
- Overview: Pre-Symposium Survey Findings
 - Group Q&A/Discussion
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 12:30 Regional Priorities
- Session Introduction
 - Presentations: Methods for Priority-Setting
 - Private Stewardship Grants Program
 - Don Morgan (USFWS)
 - Landscape Characterization and Restoration Program
 - Bethney Ward (NOAA)
 - Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
 - Julie LeBlanc (USACOE)
 - Break-out session
 - Report-out from break-out session
- 12:30 – 1:45** **LUNCH BREAK** (on your own)
- 2:00 – 4:45** **Restoration—Measuring Success**
- 2:00 – 3:30 Restoration Monitoring
- Session Introduction
 - Presentations: Monitoring
 - ERA Minimum Monitoring Requirements (MMR)
 - Becky Allee (NOAA)
 - Community-based Program Interpretation of MMR
 - TBD (NOAA)
 - Group Q&A/Discussion
- 3:30 – 3:45 Break
- 3:45 – 4:45 Restoration Research Break-out Session
- Questions
 - Report-out from break-out session
- 4:45 – 5:00** **Wrap-up**

Thursday, July 29th

- 8:30 – 8:45** **Symposium Goals Recap**
- Recap of yesterday's discussion
 - Overview: today's goals
- 8:45 – 12:00** **Restoration Tracking, Tools, & Reporting**
- 8:45 – 9:15 Introduction & Habitat Restoration Categories
- Amy Zimmerling (NOAA)
- 9:15 – 10:15 Presentations: project inventories
- National Estuaries Restoration Inventory (NERI)
 - Marti McGuire (NOAA)
 - Habitat Information Tracking System (HabITS)
 - Dan Hogan (USGS)
- 10:15 – 10:30 Group Q&A/Discussion
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 Performance Measures/Common Reporting Break-out Session
- Questions
 - Report-out from break-out session
- 12:00 – 1:15** **LUNCH BREAK** (on your own)
- 1:30 – 4:00** **Coastal Habitat Restoration Coordination**
- 1:30 – 2:45 Current Interagency Coordination Efforts
- 1:30 – 1:35 Introduction
- 1:35 – 2:35 Presentations
- Coastal America
 - Becky Allee (NOAA)
 - National Fish Habitat Initiative
 - Jason Goldberg (USFWS)
- 2:35 – 2:45 Group Q&A/Discussion
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 4:00 Next Steps for Coordination Break-out Session
- Questions
 - Report-out from break-out session
- 4:00 – 4:30** **Wrap-up**
- 4:30** **Adjourn**